

WILDE LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting July 10, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: A hybrid meeting of the Wilde Lake Village Board was called to order by Kevin McAliley, Chair; at 6:36 p.m. Members present were Tina Horn, Vice Chair; Bill Santos; Wilde Lake Rep to the CA Board; Chuck Yarbrough, Brandon Cogdell, Susan Tucker, WL CARES; Sharon Cooper-Kerr, Executive Director/Village Manager, and Dale Wasmus, board secretary. Board Member, Kondi Walters-Smith, was not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Ms. Horn made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Yarbrough seconded the motion. All in favor.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Ms. Horn made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 5, 2023 as submitted. Mr. Yarbrough seconded the motion. All in favor.*

RESIDENT SPEAKOUT: Ms. Genie Wessel spoke about her time serving on the Senior Advisory Committee and the events that led up to her resignation. Ms. Wessel finished with her commitment and is available to volunteer. She said she is open to anything except changing bicycle tires.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Columbia Association Update - Robin Stimson, Community Engagement Manager, Columbia Association: Ms. Stimson stated that the July 4th celebration at the Lakefront went smoothly and was one of the largest turnouts for this event. Columbia Association facilities and Columbia's Villages will be participating in the "Prepare For Success" school supplies collection. At Lakefront Live on July 27, 2023, there will be a drop box located in the area of the concert to collect supplies. The senior leaders at CA will be packing the backpacks. Ms. Stimson mentioned that the CA annual charge letter was distributed last week. On August 3, 2023 there will be a "Change in Columbia" event at Owen Brown Interfaith Center. CA Aquatics has an ongoing community partnership with the Autism Society for the past seven years and soon Columbia Association will be a certified Autism swim center. The Columbia Association is spearheading a community engagement event set to take place in November 2023. They are commemorating the many community partnerships that CA has built over the years with a quilt. Each participant will be given a 6"x6" fabric swatch to design and all the blocks of material will become the quilt. The quilt will be on display at the Columbia Art Center with a reception open to our partners and friends in the community.

Community Foundation of Howard County Presentation - Wilde Lake Donor Advised Fund - Beverly White-Seals, President/CEO: Ms. White-Seals has served on twenty-four different non-profit Boards, all in Howard County. The Wilde Lake Community Association has created a donor advised fund with the Community Foundation of Howard County to benefit the residents of Wilde Lake. The Columbia Foundation has had a partnership with Columbia Association for the past 30 years. CA has not funded the Foundation

since the pandemic. Mr. Santos suggested that Ms. White-Seals attend a Columbia Association Board meeting to request that funding be restored.

CARES Update - Susan Tucker, Co-Chair Wilde Lake CARES: Ms. Tucker spoke about the upcoming Wilde Lake CARES Native Garden tour taking place on Sunday, July 16, 2023. She encouraged everyone to attend this rain or shine event. The CARES group is in the process of planning fall activities.

Event Update and Teen Engagement Opportunities, Abisola Ayoola: Ms. Abisola Ayoola was recently appointed by Governor Wes Moore to the role of student member of the Maryland State Board of Education. She is the former student member of the Howard County Board of Education and is a rising senior at Wilde Lake High School. She hosted a leadership workshop for middle school students led by student mentors in the 12th grade. The participants made vision boards and the mentors spoke with the students about what to expect in high school.

REPORTS:

Wilde Lake Representative to the Columbia Association Board of Directors, Bill Santos:

Columbia Association performed well last year. CA will use Round Up to get rid of invasive species. The Board of Directors are in the process of strategic planning for the organization for the next five years. The Budget schedule will be presented soon and CA is looking for community input within the next six weeks. The CA Board has also been brainstorming about Ethics Enforcement Procedures.

Education, Tina Horn, Vice-Chair: Ms. Horn is reaching out to the PTA presidents of the Wilde Lake Schools regarding the bus transportation issues. People are concerned about the safety and the conditions of the pathway with more students walking to and from school.

Neighborhood Reps, Chuck Yarbrough: Mr. Yarbrough stated that there have been no new Neighborhood Reps, we have 19 at the moment. Wilde Lake Community Association has been invited to attend Howard County's National Night Out at Wilde Lake Middle School on 8/1/23, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wilde Lake's Covenant Advisor, Lexi Milani, will also attend.

AC Liaison, Chuck Yarbrough: The report was previously submitted to our Google Drive.

Executive Director/Village Manager: The current art exhibit at Slayton House, "Painted With Light" Film Photography of Christopher B. Fowler, is a quiet exhibit compared to others we've had. Silhouette Stages will perform the musical entitled SpongeBob, in the fall. CCTA (Columbia Center of Theatrical Arts) held a two week summer camp at the beginning of July with 54 children participating. This is the first time that CCTA has run a camp here. A special thank you to Columbia Association for sprucing up Wilde Lake's Village Green. New grass was planted, the Family Life Sculpture was renovated and Tot Lot #10 will receive an upgrade. We had an inspection by the Howard County Fire Marshall and were tagged for not having an exit sign in one of the dance studios. The next day Columbia Association came out to install the sign. We have openings for our first and second week of August camps. We added two new facility

assistants to our staff. Our joint pool party with Town Center will take place August 3, 2023. Ms. Cooper-Kerr shared that she and Kevin McAliley, WL Board Chair; had a meeting here at Slayton House with Delegate Terri Hill regarding youth/teen engagement.

Mr. McAliley called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Horn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Mr. Cogdell seconded the motion. All in favor.